

MINUTES OF BEAVERTON SISTER CITIES ADVISORY BOARD

July 26, 2010

PRESENT: Ted Chung, Amy Starke, Kellie Stellingwerf, Stan Tellin, Diane Spalding, Gayle Schula, Megan Kirkpatrick, Brian Bost, Gary Carlson, Sheldon Lee, and Sister Cities Program Coordinator/Staff Liaison, Theresa Baird, and Council Liaison Ian King.

ABSENT: Tim Wignall, Eileen Drake, Giselle Bawnik

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by vice chairman Ted Chung at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Was taken by Amy

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 28, 2010 meeting were approved as written by a unanimous vote on a motion by Sonia and a second by Brian.

OFFICER REPORTS:

UPDATE ON MEXICAN SISTER CITY: Theresa reported the mayor approved the Board's recommendation of Aguascalientes, but suggested it would be beneficial to further explore the option through a first-hand visit to Aguascalientes by a Beaverton representative. The consulate has sent the recommendation to the Mexican international office.

NEW COUNCIL LIAISON: Ian King, former board member and recently elected city councilmember, is our new board-city council liaison for the remainder of 2010.

CHEONAN TRIP: Ted Chung had a conversation with Miss Chung Sook Lee of Cheonan about the size of the potential Oct. 4-9 delegation. She said they can take up to five with a little flexibility. The mayor is giving priority to those who signed up to go last year but weren't able to go due to the cancellation of the trip.

PICNICS IN THE PARK FEEDBACK: Feedback of the first three picnics was favorable. Diane said it increased visibility of the program. Sonia got quite a few volunteer signups at Camille Park. The final picnic is Aug. 10.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP REMINDER: Ted reminded board members that according to the bylaws, if a member is absent three times, the Secretary will send out a reminder to the member, and a fourth absence will mean dismissal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUSTAINABILITY/ISL Project Committee: Stan reported the committee had its regular meeting July 21 and that it is making good progress. There are members in charge of educational programming, marketing, sponsorship, development, events and housing. A letter to recruit potential sponsors has been prepared; a brochure and a packet for participants and host families are being designed. Brian's

wife will help design the sustainability survey. Sonia wondered when a press release might be available. Theresa extended an invitation to the rest of the board members to join the ISL Project planning committee. The next meeting of this committee is Aug. 18 in the first floor conference room.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: There was no meeting.

EVENTS COMMITTEE: Events committee members are currently focusing on supporting the sustainability project events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SNACKS/FOOD: A signup sheet was passed around for people to bring food, whatever they want, as long as it is under \$50. Theresa will reimburse with receipts. Signups were as follows: August, Sonia; September, Diane; October, Sheldon; November, Gayle; December, Megan.

BOARD POTLUCK: Gayle offered to host a board potluck at her home in the latter half of August.

BEAVERTON SEPTEMBER PARADE: Only four board members have signed up. Gayle made a motion that we should try again next year and perhaps involve children and young adults representing each sister city. Gary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BRAINSTORMING CONTINUED: Gary said we need to develop a relationship and partnership with the French Alliance, German American Society, Japan American Society of Oregon and other organizations to increase our contacts. Kellie suggested inviting their leaders to one of our meetings or to a social gathering. Megan suggested there be one point person from the board to approach each organization. Theresa suggested developing a list of organizations in the metropolitan area. Brian will develop a list that everybody will contribute to through Brian.

ARTS COMMISSION: Amy and Megan both said they would like to attend a meeting of the Arts Commission in August to explore interest in a future partnership or joint project. Theresa will e-mail the Director of the Arts Commission and ask if we can be put on their meeting agenda as guests.

NEW BUSINESS

BEAVERTON CITY CELEBRATION: Beaverton will host the 200th celebration of Mexican independence at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. Many board members expressed interest in staffing a booth there.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS: JASO's Japanese Beer Garden is July 28; Uwajimaya's Festival Japan is Sept. 25-26 if we want to have a booth there.

HOST FAMILIES: Tim Wignall's family will host Ines Benedetti, 16, from Cluses, arriving Aug. 10. Diane is continuing to host Camille Tavan, 21, an intern from Cluses.

ADJOURNMENT: Gary motioned that we adjourn. The motion was carried and Ted adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

